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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 9, 11, 18-19, 21-22, and 29 as shown below. Please cancel Claim 17. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A driven fastener comprising:
a fastener body having an impact surface and either a head or a cross-member;
and
a plug of filler material joined directly to said impact surface, said filler material being sized and shaped to fill a hole in a workpiece made by penetration of the head or cross-member into the workpiece.
2. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is an acrylic sealant material.
3. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is a wood putty.
4. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is a fiberglass resin filler.
5. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is an epoxy adhesive.
6. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said filler material is a plastic material.
7. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said impact surface includes means for facilitating joining said plug of filler material to said impact surface.
8. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said impact surface is roughened.

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9. (Currently Amended) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said plug of filler material is joined directly to said impact surface with an adhesive.

10. (Original) The fastener of claim 1 wherein said fastener body includes at least two legs.

11. (Currently Amended) A nail comprising:
a shank having a head formed at one end thereof, the head having an impact surface; and
a plug of filler material joined directly to said impact surface of the head, said filler material being sized and shaped to fill a hole in a workpiece made by penetration of the head into the workpiece.

12. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is an acrylic sealant material.

13. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is a wood putty.

14. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is a fiberglass resin filler.

15. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is an epoxy adhesive.

16. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said filler material is a plastic material.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The nail of claim ~~4~~11 wherein said impact surface includes means for facilitating joining said plug of filler material to said impact surface.

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19. (Currently Amended) The nail of claim 4711 wherein said impact surface is roughened.

20. (Original) The nail of claim 11 wherein said plug of filler material and said head have similar cross-sectional shapes.

21. (Currently Amended) The nail of claim 11 wherein said plug of filler material is joined directly to said head the impact surface with an adhesive.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of making a driven fastener comprising: providing a fastener body having an impact surface and either a head or a cross-member; and

joining a plug of filler material directly to said impact surface, said filler material being sized and shaped to fill a hole in a workpiece made by penetration of the head or cross-member into the workpiece.

23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is an acrylic sealant material.

24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is a wood putty.

25. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is a fiberglass resin filler.

26. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is an epoxy adhesive.

27. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein said filler material is a plastic material.

28. (Original) The method of claim 22 further comprising roughening said impact surface prior to joining said plug of filler material to said impact surface.

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29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22 further comprising using an adhesive to join said plug directly to said impact surface.

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